



Minutes of the Meeting of Bramley Parish Council

Held at Bramley Village Hall on 20th February 2025, starting at 18:00

PARTICIPANTS

Messrs P Leung (Chairman), Cllrs B Stern, T Coleman, M Vivian, F Stern, C Marshall, N Gravenell, T Saunders. D Ersser, the Clerk, SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus and 5 members of the public were also present.

11/25 **To receive apologies for absence**

J Austin

12/25 **Declarations of interest**

None

13/25 **Minutes of the meeting 16th January 2025**

Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2025, were agreed as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.

14/25 **Matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 16th January - None**

15/25 **Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence report circulated by the Clerk.

16/25 **Waverley and Surrey County Councillors Update**

Waverley Borough Council update from Cllr Deanus

Cllr Deanus stated that the WBC budget is scheduled for next week.

He also stated that there had never been as many job vacancies at WBC as there have been in the last 2 years.

Surrey County Council update from Cllr Deanus

Cllr Deanus stated that devolution work has started. SCC must submit their organisation framework to the government by 19.03.25 with their full plan being due in May.

Cllr Deanus said Surrey is too large for one unitary unit so there would most likely be 2 bodies with an East/West split. Woking with its problematic £2.5 billion debt to be in the West.

Cllr Deanus stated that the government white paper on community engagement was due in the spring.

017/25 **Committee actions:**

Planning Review Committee

Cllrs noted the planning report

Cllr F Stern stated that she had attended the Singh Concrete appeal on 11th February but no outcome as yet.



Asda Community Fund

Cllr B Stern stated that the residents' suggestion had been triaged and all but 5 had been responded to. One still to be considered was the request for funds to improve the car park at the church in Grafham. Cllr B Stern asked for volunteers to assess this project, Cllrs Gravenell & Coleman agreed to carry this out. Cllr B Stern also stated the administration package had been finalised the first draft was done by Cllr Marshall which was subsequently discussed and agreed by a small group of the sub committee. Cllr B Stern & the Clerk have since noticed a couple of administrative omissions which have now been added. This document and the triage spreadsheet will be circulated to the committee prior to the next meeting on 26th February.

Highways committee

Cllr Saunders stated that he & Cllr Gravenell had met with Gill Longdon of Bramley Business Network to discuss 3 new sets of road signage on the approaches to Bramley from Guildford, Horsham and Station Road. Cllr Saunders also stated that the 20 mph consultation in Shalford had been completed with 2 out of 3 Shalford residents being in favour of the whole village including A roads having a 20 mph speed limit. Residents from the wider area were against the 20 mph limit.

Estate Manager Report – Nothing to report

Resilience – Nothing to report

Library – Nothing to report

Public Session - The floor was opened to allow the public to ask questions.

The landlord & leaseholder of Hilltop Kitchen attended to explain their planning application and business proposal to the council.

A resident of Snowdenham Lane attended and said the residents of Snowdenham Lane were grateful that the HGV restriction was now in place and that all the residents were in favour of a 20mph limit for their road. Cllr Deanus said it would be in the highways report to SCC in May but pointed out it would take time to approve.

The resident also pointed out that Thames Water had increased his bill by 40% overall in one year.

Reverend William Davie attended to introduce himself to the council as the new Vicar of Bramley & Grafham.

18/25 Parish updates and actions

- a. Pavilion and environs (including Gosden Common, Links Road)
Cllr B Stern and Cllr Gravenell explained the current situation at the Pavilion.
The Pavilion belongs to BPC, Gosden Common is leased from GBC and Bramley Cricket Club are currently tenants of the Pavilion but are starting the process of taking out a lease.
In the short term the immediate issues are the repairs to the showers and toilets. The showers have leaked and damp has gone



into the walls and this week it has come to light that the shower room floor also needs replacing.

The estimated cost of the works is between £13k - £15k with £3k being paid by Bramley Cricket Club.

The Cllrs voted unanimously to cover the costs up to a maximum of £12k. The Clerk will look into using CIL funds for this project and Bramley Fete Committee will be approached for a contribution.

Village Hall Refurbishment

Cllr Coleman stated that The ASDA Community Fund Survey identified support for upgrading the Village Hall. The BVH Management Committee have identified a list of projects to consider and develop into a business case to apply for appropriate funding.

In order to start the process, the committee seeks approval from the council to ring fence 10K of CIL funds available in the council bank account.

Cllr Coleman also requested that the Council consider a single quotation to refresh the paintwork, refurb the floor and attend to other outstanding maintenance items in the main hall from Nick Gravenell, who is prepared to perform the work during times the hall is not in use, thus protecting the revenue.

The Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of the proposal in principle.

Cllr F Stern stated that in the past committee chairmen submitted a written report for any prospective projects to the clerk prior to the meeting, thus enabling all Cllrs to consider the project in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that this should happen in future.

- b. Station Road and environs (including Hall Road, Eastwood, Barton Road, Linersh Wood) – Nothing to report

- c. High Street and environs (including Windrush Close, Old Rectory Close, Snowdenham Links Road and Lane)

Cllr F Stern advised that the residents of Old Rectory Close had obtained quotes to repair the Rhenns Wall and that the second tree was going to be taken down.

She also advised that the street light on the corner of Park Drive needed replacing – Clerk to arrange.

- d. Grounds and Downs Link – Nothing to report

- e. Rural Parish (including Thorncombe Street, Birtley Green, Grafham and South) – Nothing to report

Clerk

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19/25 Finance

- a. Payments listed at Appendix B (circulated) Members agreed payments between 10th January and 12th February 2025, to the value of £7,751.07.
- b. The Clerk advised that the interim audit is on 24th February.



- c. The Clerk also advised that in September 2024 she had received the notice of conclusion of Audit for the 2023/24 financial year from the external auditor. The notice of conclusion of the audit and certificate were published on the Parish Council website as required by the regulations.
- d. Cllrs unanimously agreed to renew the mowing contract at Gosden Common.
- e. Cllr unanimously agreed to renew the street light electricity contract with their current supplier in the absence of any alternatives.

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20/25 Points of information and any other matters

- I Bramley Village Showcase – BPC to have their usual presence.
- li Bramley Fete - BPC to have their usual presence and the Clerk will approach the fete committee to suggest that the Asda funding could be used to purchase new gazebos for the fete
- iii. Cllrs agreed to switch to gov.uk email addresses in April
- iv. Cllrs agreed to change the start time of the council meeting to 19.30 from the May meeting
- v. The clerk will remove the flag flying policy from the website.

Clerk

Cllr Marshall

The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Agreed and signedChairman, March 20th 2025



Clerk